

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1493 - HB 1191

April 2, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any court from entering an order or judgment that has the purpose or effect of concealing a public hazard or any information useful to the public in protecting themselves from injury; prohibits the enforcement of any portion of an agreement or contract which has intent of concealing a public hazard; confers legal standing on any substantially affected person to contest an order, judgment, agreement or contract that violates this act by court motion.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

Assumptions:

- Restricts types of court orders, judgments, and other documents that may be concealed from public view.
- Additional requirements to review settlement agreements for potential public hazards requiring additional judicial resources.
- Substantial increase in the number of cases brought to trial requiring additional judicial resources

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director